

The McCook Tribune.

TWENTY-SECOND YEAR

MCCOOK, RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA, FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 3, 1903.

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A Murder at Indianola, Last Saturday.

Indianola was the scene of an unprovoked murder, Saturday night, about half past ten o'clock. Lee Jones of Bartley was the victim and Charles McMillan, an employe in Andrew Lord's harness shop, was the murderer. There seems to have been no provocation for the murder, indeed victim and murderer were practically strangers and had no quarrel, having met in the saloon during the evening of the tragedy, and drinking together.

The murdered man and a friend by the name of Burton came up from Bartley on the evening of the tragedy for the expressed purpose of buying some beer. In the saloon they met McMillan with whom they drank. McMillan invited them both to his room in a hotel for a game of cards, but both Jones and Burton demurred and refused. They all left the saloon together. Outside McMillan took up the matter again and became somewhat abusive. Burton offered to give him fist satisfaction, but nothing came of the offer, and no blows were exchanged. Suddenly and with apparently no hostile intent, McMillan threw his left arm about Jones' neck and said, "I will show you fellows a game you have never played before." And suiting the action to the words drew a revolver of



THE MURDERED MAN.

32-calibre from his right hip pocket, he pressed the weapon to Jones' breast and sent a ball through his heart. Jones walked a few steps and fell dead before the neighboring billiard hall.

After the killing McMillan went to his hotel, and after drawing his revolver on Norman Howe, went upstairs, entered the room of a stranger, took the lamp in the room, cleaned up his weapon, and coolly informed the stranger that he had killed a man down the street.

McMillan was arrested and placed in the county jail.

Sunday morning, County Attorney Eldred and County Coroner Joseph Spotts of our city went down to Indianola, empaneled a jury and held an inquest, the verdict of the jury being as follows:

"State of Nebraska, Red Willow county: At an inquest held at Indianola, in Red Willow county, on the 31st day of May, 1903, before me, Joseph Spotts, coroner of said county, upon the body of Lee Jones, lying dead, by the jurors whose names are hereto subscribed, the said jurors upon their oath do say that the said Lee Jones came to his death on the 30th day of May, 1903, by a pistol shot fired by one Charles McMillan purposely, maliciously, premeditated and with felonious intent, at him, the said Lee Jones, to kill and murder."

A preliminary examination was held in Indianola on Monday, June 1st, after which McMillan was bound over to the next term of district court without bail. He is now confined in the old county jail at that place, where he will be held for the present at least, though the father of the murdered young man desires that the slayer be confined in a more secure jail, which action may be taken in the near future.

The murderer is a brother of W. L. McMillan of Red Cloud, formerly editor of the Red Cloud Chief, who with Lawyer Potter of that place were present at the preliminary hearing, Monday.

It is stated that McMillan had been on the lookout all day for trouble, informing the town marshal, that evening, that he would not disturb "anyone but Bill," presumably meaning young Plourd. If he met him, he said, something would drop.

The testimony indicates the tragedy as being one of the most inexplicable ones in Nebraska's history, and suggests but one possible line of defense—insanity.

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Good
Soda

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"F. C." gauge corsets 35c., 50c., and \$1.00. Gauge nursing corsets 50c. Gauge corset waists \$1.00. Gauge corset girdles 35c. and 50c. Money back after four weeks' actual wear, if dissatisfied. Sold only by The Thompson Dry Goods Co.

A dance will be given in the opera house, Wednesday evening next, June 17th, for the benefit of Calvary cemetery fund. Tickets, \$1.00.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

Mrs. FRED S. HARRIS will leave for Denver today.

J. FRED ZELL was down from Denver, first of the week.

Mrs. GLENN CARLUTH was a passenger for Denver, Tuesday.

Mrs. G. A. NOREN has been visiting relatives at Orleans, this week.

LANDLORD ROONEY came up from Hol-drege, Tuesday, on hotel business.

Mrs. G. R. SNYDER returned, close of last week, from her visit in Lincoln.

MISS NELLIE ROONEY has been a guest of her father at the Palmer, this week.

Mrs. MABEL STEWART has returned from her trip to Long Beach, California.

Mrs. J. F. REYNOLDS is here from Colorado and a guest of her daughter, Mrs. George E. Denton.

CONGRESSMAN NORRIS and family expected to leave some time next week for Wisconsin to spend the summer.

AUGUST DROLL left this morning for Illinois, expecting to partially solve the farm labor question while absent.

MR. and MRS. G. D. LEACH were down from Denver, close of last and first of this week, visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. C. E. THORNE is here from Hastings, visiting oldtime friends. They contemplate locating in Longmont, Colorado.

Mrs. W. H. ARMSTRONG and Mattie Broyles went to Imperial, Wednesday morning, on a visit of a few weeks with relatives.

SAM GULL and daughter were down from Trenton, last Friday, visiting friends and taking advantage of our trading facilities.

MISS FLORENCE E. COTTING came up from Red Cloud, Saturday night last, and was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Dean, early days of the week.

MR. and MRS. A. F. ICKIS, who have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Allen during the past winter and spring, departed, close of last week, for Creston, Iowa.

MISS VANCHE PLUMB, of the class of 1900 came over from Danbury, close of last week, and has been taking in and participating in the exercises of commencement week.

ARTHUR J. UTTER, formerly of our city, now of Fond du Lac, Wis., was chosen secretary of the Sand Rock Water Co., of that city at a recent election held by the directors of that company.

Mrs. C. J. ROMAN was up from Lincoln, close of last and first of this week, to witness the graduation of her daughter Lillian from our high school. She was a guest of Engineer F. G. Westland.

LAWYER POTTER and Ex-Editor McMillan of Red Cloud were in the city, Monday night, on their way home from attending the preliminary hearing at Indianola, that day, of their brother and brother-in-law.

MISS IRMA G. ALLEN came out from Omaha, close of last week, and has been located in desirable homes in this part of the state a number of babies and children under auspices of The Nebraska Children's Home Society.

S. M. COCHRAN and family departed, Wednesday night, for their new home in Seattle, Washington. He still retains quite large interests here. They carry with them the wishes of many friends for their continued success and happiness in the northwest.

MR. and MRS. FRANK DOBSON were up from Havelock, close of past and first of this week, visiting relatives and friends and witnessing the closing exercises of the city schools, of which she is an alumnus. They are learning to like their new home and work very much.

MR. HUNTINGTON, who will be manager of the electric light plant under the new regime, was down from Denver, early part of the week, looking over the business. He is an experienced man, having managed different plants in the Centennial state. Breckenridge is his present home.

Rubber Boots come handy for irrigating, as well as snow and mud. We have a good supply at the Bee Hive.

The Orpheus Jubilee Singers.

THE TRIBUNE wishes in calling attention to this aggregation of musicians which appears in this city, tonight, under auspices of the public free library, to state first of all that the concert will be given in the court house and not in the opera house as stated last week by mistake. And in addition we wish to note the fact that they are first-class in quality and will give the people of this city a concert they cannot afford to miss. There are two reasons why you should hear the Orpheus Jubilee Singers: They will highly entertain you with their flood of melody and you will give the free library a financial boost by your patronage. Both are worthy purposes.

What You Like!

Just the meat you like in just the way you like it: Fine, firm and tender beef; young, wholesome lamb; clean and sweet pork; smoked and salted meats. And last but not least, whether you order from house by phone or come in person, your orders are given our best consideration; and we guarantee that you will be satisfied. MARSH.

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Are you going to do some painting? We have 'paints for every purpose, in sizes to suit, all ready for the brush. L. W. McCONNELL.

Oil lithographed pillow tops in 15 subjects, 60c. each. Cords and tassels for same 35c. each. Cretonnes and silk-lenes for backs. The Thompson Dry Goods Co.

Memorial and Decoration Day Services.

While the weather was not propitious, this year, and while the season is very backward and there is an absence of the usual wealth of flowers, McCook neglected not the decoration of the graves of her honored dead nor the full observance of the customary services of both Memorial Sunday and of Decoration Day proper. Wild flowers made up in part the absence of those of culture and withal there was no lack in any particular of observance. Business places were closed during the hours of service and the attendance upon the orders of the day was good. It is a pleasure to note that the exercises of the day were not disturbed by sports of any kind.

MEMORIAL SUNDAY. The union services held in the Methodist church, Sunday morning, filled the church. The members of both post and circle attended the services in organizations, marching from Odd Fellows hall to the church.

Following the reading of departmental and national orders, the regular program as printed in THE TRIBUNE was taken up and carried out.

Rev. C. R. Betts of the Baptist church pronounced the invocation and Rev. F. W. Dean of the Congregational church the benediction.

The sermon came from the lips of Rev. L. H. Shumate of the Methodist church. It was an eloquent and able effort, full of patriotic fire and earnestness. The keynote was, remember the deeds of the noble dead.

A specially selected quartette provided appropriate and excellent music.

The service was a creditable showing of the patriotic sentiment of the community toward the day and what it commemorates.

DECORATION DAY.

At the appointed morning hour, escorted by the high school cadets with arms reversed, the members of the post and circle formed a line of march at the Odd Fellows hall and proceeded to the city cemetery, where the graves of deceased veterans were lovingly decorated in the use of the customary ritualistic services. Other services at the cemetery were dispensed with on account of the threatening aspect of the weather and became a part of the services of the afternoon at the Congregational church.

To this service the high school cadets again acted as an escort to the veterans and the ladies of the circle, and the music and scene was an inspiring one, as the line passed from hall to church.

City Attorney W. R. Starr made a few opening remarks on behalf of the city, after which Rev. F. W. Dean delivered an earnest and inspiring address to the purpose of proving that it was worth while that the war of the rebellion was fought and won.

Mrs. F. M. Rathbun read the famous Gettysburg speech of the immortal Lincoln and Mrs. A. P. Welles delivered a part of her able and eloquent address to the unknown dead which the weather did not admit of being given at the cemetery.

Rev. George Scott, formerly of our city, offered the prayer of invocation and Rev. Dean pronounced the benediction.

Special and appropriate and inspiring music was provided by the quartette.

The church was patriotically decorated with large and handsome flags, besides potted plants, ferns etc., gave added beauty.

The graves of the following departed soldiers were decorated in the different burying places:

DAVID KEITHLEY, R. B. Brown, Marion B. Brown, Elias H. Conrad, Chester Ward, Smith Gordon, C. S. Cooley, Charles Turner, D. A. Clements, Charles Fox, John D. Gerver, Thomas M. Scott, Peter Groves, J. B. Farnsworth, J. B. McCabe, E. J. Farnsworth, Moses Battershall, W. X. Johnson.

LONGVIEW CEMETERY. C. Luther Nottingham, Charles Walker. The graves of a Confederate soldier R. R. Stewart, and of a son of a veteran Albert Hamilton, together with graves of members of families of veterans were also remembered. Flowers, magnolias, were sent by Veteran J. M. Hamilton of Pass Christian, Miss., for memorial purposes as has been his custom for years.

Public acknowledgment as well as per resolution was made of the courtesy of the high school cadets to the old soldiers in serving as an escort in decorating graves and in marching to the church. This act was very greatly appreciated by the vets. The boys made a superb appearance and were much complimented upon their soldierly bearing.

An Illustrated Lecture.

The first attraction of the Normal School series will be the illustrated lecture by Frank R. Roberson, the famous traveler. The date for this is Tuesday evening, June 16th. The lecturer comes with the highest endorsements. He has the latest and finest apparatus and from 180 to 240 slides with which to illustrate his lectures. An expert assistant accompanies him. He will lecture here on "Imperial India." It will be intensely worth while. He has lectured twice before the state teachers' association and is engaged for each of the five Normal Schools, which is a guarantee of his excellence and ability.

The Opening Series of Baseball.

The local season of baseball will be opened in this city, next Monday, with a game between the local team and the Haskell Indians. Three games will be played on the 8th, 9th, and 10th, respectively. They promise to be great games.

Very pretty new styles in baby bonnets and caps, in mulls, lawns, and silk; lace trimmed and embroidery trimmed; corded, tucked, ruffled and shirred; 20c. to 50c., at The Thompson Dry Goods Co., P. O. block.

Men's suits \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5.00 and up to \$12.50. Boys' suits 85c. to \$3.50. Boys' knee pants 25c., 50c. and 75c. Men's 24-oz. cotton worsted pants 90c. Cordsuroys \$2.00. The Thompson Dry Goods Co.

Just The Thing To Buy Plants of M. L. Rishel, 3 blocks north of brick school house, McCook.

Commencement Week's Details.

Few local happenings of the full round year exceed or even equal in importance those of commencement week, and THE TRIBUNE chronicles no event with greater pleasure and pride:

THE BACCALAUREATE SERMON. The formal exercises of commencement week were opened on last Sunday evening by the delivery of the baccalaureate sermon before the class of '03 in the Congregational church. The church was crowded. Rev. Earle of the Episcopal church was to have delivered the sermon, but was unavoidably detained out of the city by the lateness of the trains caused by the floods east, and his place was taken at the last moment by Rev. F. W. Dean of the Congregational church, who acquitted himself handsomely under the circumstances.

The special music was provided by a double quartette under the direction of Dr. S. C. Beach.

Patriotic decorations prevailed of a simple sort.

Thus auspiciously were ushered in the ever-attractive happenings of commencement week.

A large audience greeted the class of '03 in the opera house, Monday evening, on the commencement occasion of our city schools, which is always an inspiring affair to the people of McCook, whose pride is excusably abundant and enthusiastic on this point.

The formal program of the evening opened with a piano duet by Mrs. W. B. Mills and Mrs. K. M. Stangland, who gave a superb rendering of Bellini's famous "Semiramide."

Rev. F. W. Dean of the Congregational church offered the invocation.

Mrs. Leroy Kleven sang sweetly and with expression "The Spring Has Come," by Maude White.

Maude Izella Middleton delivered the salutatory, which fittingly introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. James Hedley.

The doctor gave his audience a splendid address on "The Value of a Man," showing in eloquent terms and by pointed illustration that the anatomist and chemist gave no adequate idea of the immortal worth of a man of love, of service, of persistency in righteousness, of genius purposefully directed. He held the close and delighted attention of his large audience for almost two hours in his eloquent descriptions, pungent epigrams, engems of advice and thrilling tributes.

Bellini's "Third Air Variations"—a violin and piano duet—was effectively rendered by Mr. W. J. McGillin and Mrs. W. B. Mills.

Clifford W. Browne delivered a brief valedictory for the class, expressing their appreciation of the opportunities afforded the graduates in the public schools and voicing the hope that the class of '03 would give a good account of itself in life's school.

In well chosen words Secretary C. W. Barnes of the board of education presented the graduates their diplomas.

Mrs. C. W. Britt's singing of "When the Heart is Young," Dudley Buck, was one of the triumphs of the evening, and she was compelled to respond to the enthusiastic and persistent applause with another number.

The exercises came to a close with the benediction by Rev. C. R. Betts of the Baptist church.

The opera house was tastefully though simply decorated for the occasion. Streamers of the class colors, red and light blue, were draped across the ceiling of the hall and the electric lights were subdued by shades of the same colors. The stage was decorated with large flags and with bunting of light blue and red. The figures "1903" done in light blue were suspended over the stage. The whole effect was pretty and unostentatious.

There were twelve members in the class: Rose Gertrude Brady, Caroline May Hileman, Susan Katherine LeHew, Maude Izella Middleton, Lillian Leaf-green Roman, Ellen Cecilia Ryan, Alyce Kathryn Sawyer, Clifford W. Browne, Hurley Frank Dye, Chester Arthur Rodgers, George Alexander Campbell, Charles W. Kelley.

The members of the class of '04 acted in the capacity of ushers for the evening.

ALUMNI RECEPTION AND BANQUET. One of the functions of commencement week which is taking on larger interest with the flight of years is the annual reception and banquet by the high school alumni association to the members of the graduating class. That tendered to the class of '03 is entitled, particularly, to a high place among the social affairs of the association.

The reception occupied the early hours of the evening and was held in the assembly room of the high school building. The room was decorated in the class colors of '03, red and light blue. The room was transformed by a liberal disposition of handsome furniture, curtains, rugs and hangings, into a very attractive apartment for the purpose.

There was a "cozy corner" of blue draperies and "1903" was suspended over the entrance. Another corner was decorated in red, white and blue, and from this patriotic retreat punch was served by Mrs. Louis Sues, Mrs. Walter Stokes and Miss Edith Oyster.

After the reception a three-course lunch was served by the ladies of the Dorcas society of the Congregational church with the pretty accessories which

are so vital to such affairs. The table decorations were in red, white and green,—the alumni colors,—carnations, smilax and the refreshments carrying out the color scheme. Plates were laid for about sixty. The menu cards served also as place cards. Following is the menu and list of toasts and names of those responding:

MENU
Bouillon
"Good Broth with good keeping, doth much make to my sense, their perfumed breath"

Chicken
"It is not the quantity of the meat, but the cheerfulness of the guests, which makes the feast"

Potato Salad
"A salad, for in him we see, Oil, vinegar, sugar, and saltiness agree"

Sandwiches
"Oh! happy he whom Heaven hath fed With frugal, but sufficient bread"

Pickles
"Oh, let the Herbs I loved to rear Give to my sense their perfumed breath"

Strawberries
"What Fruit would spring From such a seed?"

Creme Glacée
"Tis crystal, friend, iced 'Light as a snowflake, white as milk"

Coffee
"Now I'm in a drink; you'll sit and sip and think And surely all my praises you will sing [Labor, And say to your neighbor, I hope I'm done with For I can't guess another single thing"

ENVOI
"Happy are we met, happy have we been, Happy may we part, and happy meet again"

TOASTS
G. H. Thomas, Toastmaster
"The Third Annual"

Mabel E. Wilcox, '96
"Nineteen Three"

Chester A. Rodgers, '03
"The School of the Past"

Earl Ludwick, '97
"The School of the Present"

Lester Little, '02
"Was It Worth While?"

Vanche Plumb, '00
"In Memoriam"

Miss Rache Berry
"The Yearlings"

John L. Rice, '02
"Scraps"

Maude Cordcal, '94
"The Worser Halves"

W. B. Mills
"Enough is as Good as a Feast"

Minnie Rowell, '98
"Auld Lang Syne"

The banquet, flow of soul, social symposium, dancing, etc., prolonged the gayety into the small hours and made up the grand total of one of the most memorable evenings in the life of the association.

An orchestra of five pieces was an enjoyed feature of the evening.

The festivities closed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

Should auld acquaintance be forgot, And never bro't to mind?

Should auld acquaintance be forgot, And days of auld lang syne?

CHORUS
For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne;
We'll tak' a cup of kindness yet
For auld lang syne.

CHORUS
We twa ha'e run about the braes,
And pu'd the gowans fine;
But we've wandered mony a weary foot
Sin' auld lang syne.

CHORUS
We twa ha'e sported i' the burn,
Frae mornin' sun till dine;
But seas between us braid ha'e roar'd
Sin' auld lang syne.

CHORUS
And here's a hand, my trusty friend,
And gie's a hand o' thine;
We'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet
For auld lang syne.

CHORUS
The class colors are dark red and pale blue; the class flower, rose.

Sup't Thomas gave the cadets a "feed" in the laboratory, Saturday afternoon.

The cadets had a picture taken, Saturday, all arrayed in their fiercest clothes and accoutrements.

Class motto: "To thy self be true, and it must follow as the night the day, thou canst not be false to any man."

The class officers are: President, Chester A. Rodgers; Vice-President, Lillian Roman; Secretary, Clifford W. Browne.

The high school cadets remembered Supt. Thomas with a handsome watch chain, close of school, in recognition of his special service to them.

One of the features of the week past was the entertainment of the high school cadets, Saturday afternoon, at the east ward building, by Superintendent Thomas.

The tenth grade tendered Miss Smith a reception, Wednesday evening, in the court room. The graduates were guests. The room was nicely decorated. Punch and light refreshments were served.

Miss Elizabeth Thomson and her assistant, Miss Blanche McCarl, exhibited some work done by the children in the kindergarten department of the west ward school during the past year, in the school room, last Saturday and Monday of this week. It was highly creditable to pupils and teachers, and a revelation and delight to all who called to inspect the work, which indicated the progress made by the pupils during the school year.

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Paper
and
Paints.

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Hammocks.

Before buying a hammock see the latest and get prices at McMillen's drug store.

Lace and silk gloves and mitts, fans, parasols, belts, hairpins, back combs, lace and turn-over collars, white lawn and silk waists—all in newest styles—at The Thompson Dry Goods Co.'s, P. O. block.

Base ball and tennis goods at Cone Bros'.

MINOR ITEMS OF NEWS.

Japalac at Cone Bros'.

Get busy—and stay busy.

The best paint—Heath & Milligan.

You can buy Jap-a-lac at Cone Bros'.

Get your garden hose of F. D. Burgess.

McMillen can please you in hammocks.

See the fine line of hammocks at Cone Bros'.

See those enamel-lined refrigerators at Waite's.

For wall paper and all inside finishings go to Cone Bros'.

See McMillen's wall paper before selecting for your home.

Best grade of garden hose at very low prices at F. D. Burgess.

Paints, oils, varnish, stains, japalac, enamels etc., at McMillen's.

H. P. Waite will sell you the best grade hose at the lowest figure.

Don't be deceived. There is but one best—the Heath & Milligan paint.

Buy anything of Cone Bros', pay cash and you get double trading stamps.

Children's fancy parasols 10c. and 15c. at The Thompson Dry Goods Co.'s.

Job lot of ladies' shoes worth \$2.25 and \$2.50. Special price \$1.29. DeGroff.

McMillen has a large line of wall paper—goods colorings at right prices.

Now is the time to paint. Use the best: Heath & Milligan. Cone Bros.